

Monthly External Merchandise Trade Statistics - July 2026

1. Balance of Visible Trade

Balance of Visible Trade showed a deficit of Rs 19,514 million in July 2026, lower by 17.7% compared to the previous month and higher by 35.2% compared to the corresponding month of 2025.

Summary of External Merchandise Trade

	Value: Rs Mn		
	2025	2026	
	Jul ¹	Jun ²	Jul ²
A. Total Exports (f.o.b)	8,803	9,817	10,871
Domestic exports	4,789	5,349	4,915
Re-exports	1,557	1,372	1,337
Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,457	3,096	4,619
B. Total Imports (c.i.f)	23,237	33,542	30,385
Total International Trade (A + B)	32,040	43,359	41,256
Trade Deficit (A - B)	-14,434	-23,725	-19,514

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

2. Total Imports of goods by S.I.T.C section

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	C.I.F value: Rs Mn		
	2025	2026	
	Jul ¹	Jun ²	Jul ²
0 - Food and live animals	4,484	6,171	5,038
1 - Beverages and tobacco	330	583	487
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	403	835	421
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	5,463	9,712	6,702
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	354	459	212
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	2,082	3,041	3,766
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	2,755	3,789	3,828
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	5,115	6,583	7,564
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,114	2,258	2,339
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	137	111	28
TOTAL	23,237	33,542	30,385

¹ Revised figures

² Provisional

In July 2026, total imports decreased by 9.4% compared to June 2026 and increased by 30.8% compared to July 2025.

3. Total Exports of goods by S.I.T.C section

F.O.B value: Rs Mn

SITC SECTION/DESCRIPTION	2025	2026	
	Jul ¹	Jun ²	Jul ²
0 - Food and live animals	2,755	3,127	2,844
1 - Beverages and tobacco	102	149	108
2 - Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	224	267	234
3 - Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	-	-	2
4 - Animals and vegetable oils, fats & waxes	16	30	24
5 - Chemicals & related products, n.e.s.	376	450	432
6 - Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	567	720	632
7 - Machinery and transport equipment	232	226	238
8 - Miscellaneous manufactured articles	2,066	1,725	1,713
9 - Other commodities & transactions, n.e.s	8	27	25
Exports exclusive of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	6,346	6,721	6,252
Estimates of Ship's Stores and Bunkers	2,457	3,096	4,619
TOTAL	8,803	9,817	10,871

¹ Revised figures ² Provisional - Nil or Negligible

In July 2026, total exports increased by 10.7% compared to June 2026 and by 23.5% compared to July 2025.

4. Main trading partners in July 2026

Value: Rs Mn

Exports ¹ (F.O.B)				Imports (C.I.F)			
Country	2025	2026		Country	2025	2026	
	Jul ²	Jun ³	Jul ³		Jul ²	Jun ³	Jul ³
United States	1,001	589	1,003	China	3,774	5,600	7,390
South Africa	836	834	905	India	1,797	2,591	3,028
France	435	494	608	Sultanate of Oman	102	3,600	1,795
Madagascar	435	642	602	France	1,524	1,950	1,603
United Kingdom	687	746	594	Mozambique	-	1,314	1,389
Spain	314	366	432	Netherlands	153	734	1,338
Other	2,638	3,050	2,108	Other	15,887	17,753	13,842
Total	6,346	6,721	6,252	Total	23,237	33,542	30,385

¹ Excluding Ship's Stores and Bunkers ² Revised figures ³ Provisional

In July 2026, United States (16.0%), South Africa (14.5%), France (9.7%), Madagascar (9.6%), United Kingdom (9.5%) and Spain (6.9%) were our major exports destinations while our imports were mainly from China (24.3%), India (10.0%), Sultanate of Oman (5.9%), France (5.3%), Mozambique (4.6%) and Netherlands (4.4%).

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